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SUBJECT: BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

REF: STATE 299669 AND JIDDA 8092

1. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES BACKGROUND CONCERNING EFFORTS WORKED OUT WITH AMBASSADOR ALIREZA PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS ON VISAS SO THAT PROBLEMS MIGHT BE AVOIDED FOR INDIVIDUALS AS PARTICIPANTS IN PROPOSED BUILDDEX '76. LIST FOR SAUDI EMBASSY OF "LEGITIMATE PARTICIPANTS" WOULD GO LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING VISA PROBLEM.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR ALI REZA DID NOT COVER SUFFICIENTLY PROBLEM OF FIRM WHICH MAY APPEAR ON BLACKLIST. RECOGNIZING POSSIBILITY THAT PERHAPS NONE OF 100 FIRMS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN FAIR ARE ON BLACKLIST, JIDDA 8092 TRIED TO ANTICIPATE CASE WHERE BLACKLISTED FIRMS MIGHT APPLY.

3. ARAB BOYCOTT PROVISIONS WILL APPLY, AS NOTED PARA. (2), JIDDA 8092, IN RECEIVING PERMISSION FROM FONMIN TO HOLD FAIR. COULD THIS, FOR EXAMPLE, INVOLVE ASPECT OF SECONDARY BOYCOTT FOR SOME PARTICIPANTS? EMBASSY IS NOT CERTAIN BUT WOULD LIKE TO COVER AS MANY PITFALLS AS POSSIBLE.

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